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The Honorable William Delahunt
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Rep. Delahunt:

This letter is urgent. Please take action immediately to help stop the inclusion of bad amendments in legislation on airport security, defense appropriations and anti-terrorism bills.

In the frenzy to protect the country and bail out suffering industries, the interests of women and workers must be taken into consideration with a fair balance between corporate and human needs. This is no time to "ram through" legislation that will result in significant economic and environmental impacts for generations to come.

As the economy heads towards a possible recession, it appears that many more thousands may be laid-off from service-sector jobs. Such actions hit women the hardest, especially minimum wage employees and women who have recently moved off welfare. In light of the massive layoffs of low-wage workers and the likelihood of high unemployment, I particularly urge that the clock be suspended on the 5-year time limit for receiving welfare assistance.

During this time of crisis, it is imperative that leaders like yourself continue to be vigilant to protect our civil liberties and to be a voice for those who are not being heard.

I hope that I can count on your support to stand up to bad legislation that may cause greater harm to the people of our country.

Sincerely,

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